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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6319

BILL NUMBER: SB 51

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 17, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Defense of Property and Self-defense.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Nugent

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that a person who is in a place where the person has a right to be may use reasonable force against another person to protect the person or a third person from the imminent use of unlawful force. It provides that if a person commits a crime and is injured by the owner of the property or a motor vehicle where the crime occurred, while the crime was occurring, the person is barred from recovering damages arising from the property owner's use of force.

The bill makes conforming amendments concerning rebuttable presumptions. The bill also provides that a person who is justified in using force does not have a duty to retreat. It adds motor vehicles to the places in which a person can be justified in using reasonable force to prevent an unlawful attack.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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